

March 1, 2015

Dear Neighbors:

The Williamsburg Civic Association (WCA) is **seeking your input** to update our Neighborhood Conservation Plan (NCP). The plan provides a vision for the type of neighborhood we would like to have in the future. Also, an updated NCP is needed if we would like to receive funding for community projects via Arlington's Neighborhood Conservation Fund, which is the principal means of funding neighborhood-level improvements.

To obtain input from the people living in the WCA area, we are conducting a survey. For your convenience, **we are providing two formats for the survey:**

1. A web-based survey, which is hosted on SurveyMonkey.
2. A paper survey, which is attached to the current WCA newsletter.

Pick whichever method you prefer, but the web-based survey saves us time, since we are able to tabulate results without manually re-coding the information put on the paper survey. **Your individual responses to this survey will be kept confidential. Results from the survey will be released only in aggregate form.** Data you provide will not be shared with any other entities and will be used only for the purposes described above. The web-based survey is hosted by SurveyMonkey, which uses [industry-standard practices for protecting data](#).

The WCA published its original NCP in 2001, and that document can be found on the "[documents](#)" section of the WCA website. The updated NCP will allow us to evaluate existing conditions, establish community goals, and make recommendations to Arlington County about neighborhood improvements to preserve and enhance our quality of life. In essence, the Plan will serve as our community's blueprint for managing the development of our community for years to come. In practical terms, it also helps us identify priorities for project funding through the County's Neighborhood Conservation Fund. In fiscal year 2014, the County dispensed several million dollars in Funds to civic associations like ours. As many of you know, the Sycamore Street project is being completed with monies from the Fund.

This survey constitutes the first step in our Plan update. The purpose of this survey is to gather information from WCA residents about their likes and dislikes, community needs and wishes, and overall vision for the neighborhood. Once the results are tabulated, the WCA will draft an updated Neighborhood Conservation Plan for approval by the memberships and, ultimately, the Arlington County Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee. The Plan will then be submitted to the County Board for approval and will provide the basis for future WCA applications for funding for street and sidewalk improvements, traffic calming, park improvements, neighborhood beautification, bicycle and pedestrian safety among other goals.

Instructions:

1. The survey should take between 20-25 minutes to complete. The survey is intended for only people who live within the WCA. A map of the WCA is found on page 4.
2. Please complete the survey by noon on Saturday March 21, 2015.
3. The web-based survey can be accessed by clicking the following link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2NX7QNX>

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4. If you choose the paper survey, please return the completed survey to your closest Block Captain. See page 3 for a list of Block Captains.

If you have any questions about the survey or the process outlined above, please contact Jonathan Levine at jonathanlevine@verizon.net.

Thank you very much!

Ruth Shearer, President Williamsburg Civic Association

_____ I want to join the Williamsburg Civic Association. Please contact me.

_____ I want to help the Working Group develop the updated Neighborhood Conservation Plan. Please contact me.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail _____

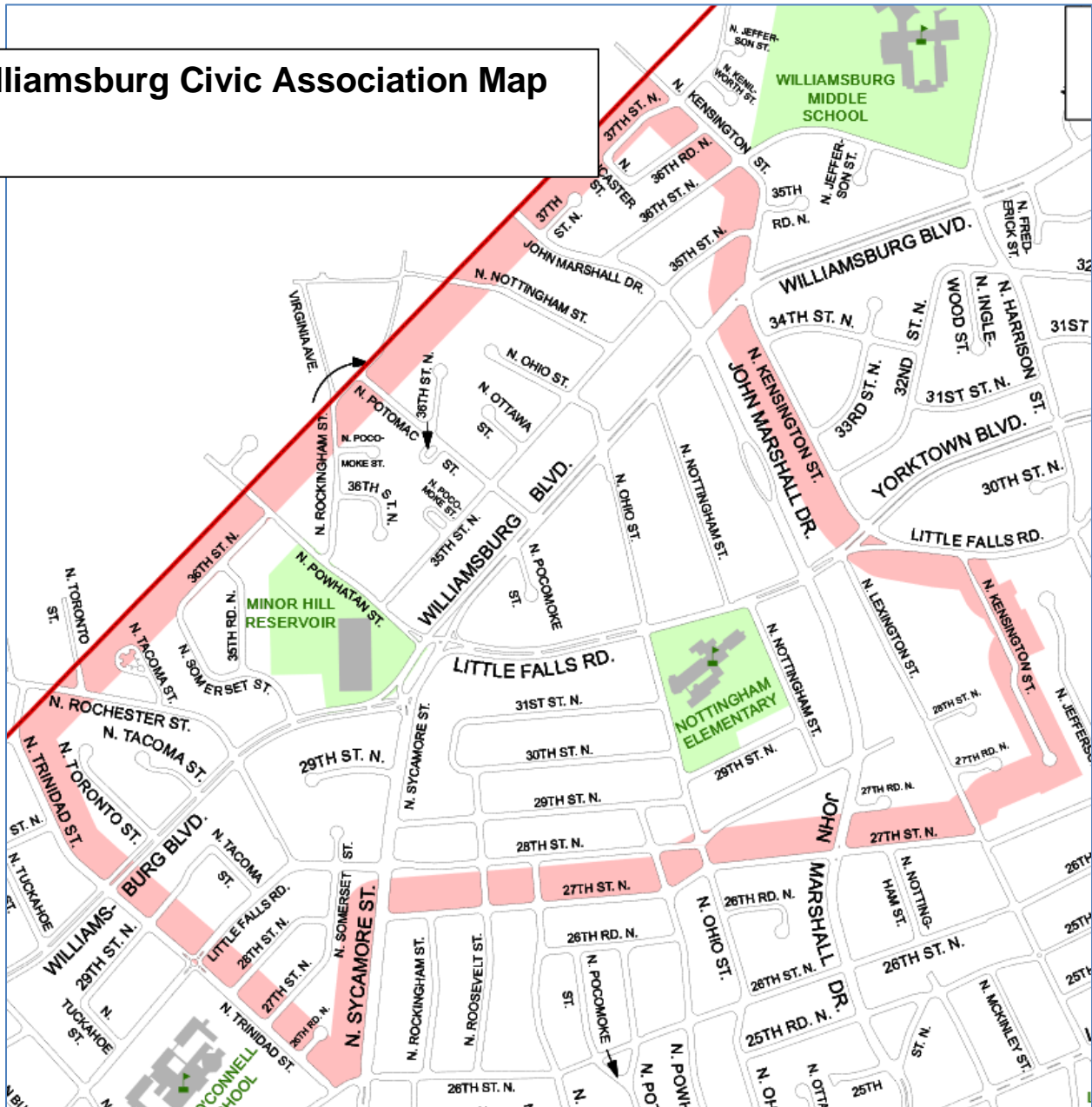
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Block Captains

No.	FIRST	LAST	Street address
1	Ann & Jim	Lunson	3206 John Marshall Dr.
2	Paul	Cullen	3624 John Marshall Dr.
3	Tony	Whitledge	3022 John Marshall Dr.
4	Bruce	Gilbert	2944 John Marshall Dr.
5	Jon	Stoloff	2721 N. Kensington St.
6	Ellen	Jones	6052 N. Little Falls Rd.
7	Sara	Anderson	3507 N. Nottingham St.
8	Pat	Vinkenens	5721 N. 27th Road
9	John	Howell	3514 N. Ohio Street
10	Elaine	Tucker	5700 N. 27th Rd.
11	Jeremy	Levy	6425 N. 28th St.
12	Allan	Dosik	6200 N. 28th St.
13	Louis	Kluger	6407 N. 29th St.
14	Tom	Garcia	6220 N. 28th Street
15	Cathy	Eckbreth	5409 N. 36th Rd.
16	Julian	Mansila	6107 Williamsburg Blvd
17	Eleanor	Smith	6523 N. 27th Street
18	Jim	Breiling	6519 N. 36th St.
19	Karen	Zumstein	6542 N. Little Falls Rd.
20	Jim	Ball	6506 N. Little Falls Rd.
21	Kevin	Farrell	3613 N. Pocomoke St.
22	Jim	Toronto	3577 N. Powhatan St.
23	Joan	Pepin	3206 N. Rochester St.
24	Coral	Gundlach	2801 N. Somerset St.
25	Marcia	Novak	3212 N. Tacoma St.
26	Sonia	McCormick	6592 Williamsburg Blvd
27	Carrie	Thomas	6547 N. 28th St.
28	Charles	Lundy	6306 N. 35th St.

Williamsburg Civic Association Map



Extent of the Williamsburg Civic Association

Source: Arlington County, Va.

(http://gis.arlingtonva.us/Maps/Standard_Maps/Civic_Associations/Civic_Maps/Williamsburg.pdf)

I. Residents

1. On what street and nearest cross street do you live? (e.g., N. Ohio St. and N. 26th St.)

2. Do you _____ own? _____ rent?

3. In what type of residence do you live? _____ Single family home _____ Apartment
_____ Townhouse\Row house _____ Condominium\Cooperative

4. Indicate the number of persons in each age group in your household.

under 5 _____ 5 to 12 _____ 13 to 17 _____ 18-24 _____ 25-34 _____ 35-54 _____
55-64 _____ 65-74 _____ 75 and older _____

5. How many years have you lived in the Williamsburg neighborhood? _____

6. If you have school age children, what type of school do they attend?

_____ Public _____ Private _____ Home School _____ Other

7. What language do you mainly speak at home? English _____ Spanish _____ Chinese _____
Russian _____ Vietnamese _____ Other _____

8. Are you planning to move out of the neighborhood within the next several years?

_____ yes _____ no _____ don't know

9. If yes, why are you planning to move?

10. If you work outside your home, where do you go to work?

_____ Arlington _____ Elsewhere in VA _____ DC _____ MD _____ Other

11. How do you get to work?

_____ Drive alone _____ Carpool _____ Metrorail _____ Bus _____ Walk _____ Bicycle
_____ Telework _____ Other

II. Neighborhood Characteristics

12. Identify the reasons you *Like* living in our neighborhood (e.g., convenience to work; convenience to public transportation; quality of housing; quality of schools.)

13. What are the things that you would *Change* about our neighborhood? (e.g., less commuter traffic, more green space, better walkability, decreased density, increased density.)

III. Zoning and Land Use

14. Do you favor our neighborhood remaining mostly single-family detached homes versus allowing the building of higher density residential or commercial properties?

_____yes _____no _____no opinion

15. Do you have concerns about the following land uses in our neighborhood?

Item	Concern	Yes	No	No opinion
1	Replacing existing homes with larger structures			
2	Subdividing lots into multiple residences			
3	Development of townhouses			
4	Development of apartments			
5	Development of commercial areas			
6	Other, please specify _____			

16. Do the commercial establishments in our neighborhood (Williamsburg Shopping Center; commercial establishments adjoining CVS) meet your shopping needs?

_____yes _____no _____no opinion

17. Are there kinds of commercial establishments or services that do not currently exist within the neighborhood that you would like to see?

Please specify _____

18. Four schools are located in or near our neighborhood: Nottingham Elementary, Tuckahoe Elementary, Williamsburg Middle School and Bishop O’Connell High School. Do the schools create any problems in the neighborhood? Check all that apply.

Item	Issue	Nottingham	Tuckahoe	Williamsburg	Bishop O’Connell
1	Litter				
2	Parking				
3	Traffic Safety				

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Item	Issue	Nottingham	Tuckahoe	Williamsburg	Bishop O'Connell
4	Pedestrian Safety				
5	Noise				
6	Crowds				
7	Nighttime Disturbances				
8	Landscaping/ Beautification				
9	Other, please specify				

19. Do you have suggestions for similar improvements for the other schools in our neighborhood?

_____yes _____no _____no opinion

20. Civic association members, Bishop O'Connell and the County have had preliminary discussions regarding landscaping (shade trees and ornamental shrubs), streetscape improvements (widened sidewalks, larger planting strips and medians, additional benches and trash receptacles), and traffic calming measures on the streets surrounding O'Connell High School to buffer noise, improve aesthetics, improve pedestrian and traffic safety and enhance walkability. Do you support such neighborhood changes?

_____yes _____no _____no opinion

21. Arlington has convened an urban agriculture task force to consider, among other issues, revising the County's zoning ordinance to allow residents to raise chickens (hens but not roosters) in their backyards. Do you support a proposed revision that allows "backyard chickens" or other animal husbandry?

_____yes _____no _____no opinion

22. If yes, why? _____

23. If no, why? _____

24. Do you plan to stay in the neighborhood after you retire (age in place)?

_____yes _____no _____don't know

25. Do you support Arlington's Neighborhood Villages concept – the new County-wide network of "neighbors helping neighbors" being developed to enable seniors to stay in their homes longer and remain active in the community?

_____yes _____no _____no opinion

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26. Does the neighborhood have adequate support for those intending to age in place (e.g., walkable streets, accessible transportation, affordable housing, and handicap accessible services.)

_____yes _____no _____no opinion

27. If no, what additional supports would be useful?

IV. Parks and Recreation

28. Have you visited Sharpe Park, at Williamsburg Blvd. and N. Powhatan St, the only park within our neighborhood?

_____yes _____no _____don't know

29. If yes, how many times annually? _____

30. If not, why? _____

31. Are there any improvements you would like to see in Sharpe Park? (e.g., benches, paths/walkways; removal of invasive plants, and improved pedestrian accessibility to park.)

32. Have you visited Minor Hill, on Williamsburg Blvd. between N. Powhatan St. and N. Somerset St., the grassy area above Sharpe Park?

_____yes _____no _____don't know

33. If yes, how many times annually _____

34. If not, why not? _____

35. Are there improvements you would like to see in Minor Hill? (e.g., additional benches, landscaping, and bicycle racks.)

36. Do you favor Arlington County's/Virginia Power's proposal to install an array of solar panels on the vacant concrete pad at Minor Hill to generate clean energy?

_____yes _____no _____no opinion

37. Do you favor landscaping improvements to the Birch-Payne Cemetery, the small, private cemetery located on the corner of N. 28th St. and N. Sycamore St.?

_____yes _____no _____no opinion

38. Are there other public areas within the neighborhood that would be improved through additional landscaping, or urban forestry work?

_____yes _____no _____no opinion

V. Public Health and Safety

39. Are there areas in the neighborhood that present a safety hazard to pedestrians? (e.g., due to the lack of sidewalks, handicap access, crosswalks, traffic lights, curbs or other infrastructure.)

_____yes _____no _____no opinion

40. If yes, please specify the hazard and the location of the hazard

41. Are you aware of any fire or public health hazards in the neighborhood? (e.g., rodents, sanitation, and trash removal.)

_____yes _____no _____no opinion

42. If yes, please specify the hazard and the location of the hazard

43. Is crime a problem in the neighborhood?

_____yes _____no _____no opinion

44. If yes, please specify _____

45. Are there aesthetic problems in the neighborhood that should be addressed, such as eyesores, vacant lots, abandoned cars or other structures or things that you believe present a nuisance or a zoning violation?

_____yes _____no _____no opinion

46. If yes, please specify _____

47. Is noise a problem on your street?

_____yes _____no _____no opinion

48. If yes, what is the source? _____

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49. Is litter or graffiti a problem on your street?

_____ yes _____ no _____ no opinion

50. If yes, please specify _____

51. Is there a problem with dogs or cats in the neighborhood?

_____ yes _____ no _____ no opinion

52. If yes, please specify the nature and location of the problem (e.g. dogs barking, unleashed animals, and owners failing to pick up waste.)

VI. County Services

53. Please rate the following County services:

Item	Issue	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion
1	Police					
2	Public schools					
3	Adult education					
4	Libraries					
5	Child care					
6	Social services					
7	Fire/ambulance					
8	Street cleaning					
9	Trash pick-up					
10	Hazardous waste disposal					
11	Leaf collection					
12	Water/sewer service					
13	Street/sidewalk maintenance					
14	Park maintenance					
15	Snow removal					
16	Pest control					
17	Animal control					
18	Other, please specify _____					

VII. Traffic and Pedestrian Safety

54. Is traffic volume a problem in the neighborhood?

_____yes _____no _____no opinion

55. If yes, please specify _____

56. Is speeding a problem in the neighborhood?

_____yes _____no _____no opinion

57. If yes, please specify _____

58. Are stop and yield signs obeyed in the neighborhood?

_____yes _____no _____no opinion

59. If no, please specify _____

60. Are there intersections where additional turning lanes are needed?

_____yes _____no _____no opinion

61. If yes, please specify _____

62. Is additional traffic calming necessary in the neighborhood?

Item	Issue	Yes	No	No opinion	Where
1	Four-way stops				
2	Reduced speed limits				
3	Electronic speed display				
4	One-way streets				
5	Traffic lights				
6	Narrowing of streets (larger medians and sidewalks)				
7	Marking parking lanes				
8	Turn restrictions				
9	Traffic circles				
10	Speed humps/rumble strips				
11	Traffic nubs (curb extensions to reduce crossing distances for pedestrians)				
12	Bicycle lanes				
13	Crosswalks				
14	Increased police presence				

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Item	Issue	Yes	No	No opinion	Where
15	Other, please specify _____				

63. Little Falls Rd. between N. Sycamore St. and Yorktown Blvd. presents significant safety issues. What improvements should the County make to increase traffic and pedestrian safety in this area?

Item	Issue	Yes	No	No opinion	Where
1	Institute student pick-up and drop off system that reduces street crossings for children				
2	Lower the speed limit on Little Falls and other nearby streets				
3	Install speed bumps				
4	Modify parking restrictions				
5	Install additional traffic signals				
6	Install four-way stops at one or more intersections				
7	Install flashing signs to warn drivers to reduce speed				
8	Assign more crossing guards				
9	Increase police presence				
10	Other, please specific _____				

64. There are serious concerns regarding traffic and pedestrian safety issues in and around Tuckahoe Elementary School and Bishop O'Connell High School. What improvements should the County make to increase traffic and pedestrian safety in this area?

Item	Issue	Yes	No	No opinion	Where
1	Institute student pick-up and drop off system that reduces street crossings for children				
2	Lower the speed limit on adjacent streets				
3	Install speed bumps				
4	Modify parking restrictions				
5	Install additional traffic signals				
6	Install four-way stops at one or more intersections				
7	Install flashing signs to warn drivers to reduce speed				
8	Assign more crossing guards				
9	Increase police presence				

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10	Other, please specify _____				
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65. Do you foresee serious pedestrian or traffic safety problems arising from the construction or operation of the new elementary school on the Williamsburg Middle School property?

_____yes _____no _____no opinion

66. If yes, what are your greatest concerns and how might they be addressed?

67. Does your neighborhood street need more or different street lighting?

_____yes _____no _____no opinion

68. If yes, where? _____

69. Is there a sidewalk in front of your home? _____yes _____no _____don't know

70. If no, do you want a sidewalk installed? _____yes _____no _____don't know

71. Do you have trouble crossing any of the following arterial streets?

N. Sycamore St. _____yes _____no

Williamsburg Blvd. _____yes _____no

Little Falls Rd. _____yes _____no

John Marshall Rd. _____yes _____no

72. If yes, why? _____

73. Do you feel that there are streets in the neighborhood where curb cuts, ramps or other modifications needed to accommodate handicapped persons?

_____yes _____no _____no opinion

74. If yes, where and accommodations are needed?

75. Is there a curb and gutter in front of your house? _____yes _____no _____don't know

76. If yes, does it need to be replaced or repaired? _____yes _____no _____don't know

77. If no, do you want a curb or gutter? _____yes _____no _____don't know

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78. Is parking on your street a problem for you or your guests? ____yes ____no ___don't know

79. If yes, what is the cause? _____

80. Do you know of any signs in the neighborhood (stop signs, street signs, and yield signs) that need to be added, removed or fixed? ____yes ____no

81. If yes, please specify _____

VIII. Neighborhood Beautification

82. Are there areas of the neighborhood that could benefit from beautification?

Item	Beautification Description	Yes	No	No opinion	Where
1	Install of decorative street lighting				
2	Plant additional trees or installation of other landscaping				
3	Eliminate utility poles				
4	Install ornamental brickwork and benches				
5	Enhance commercial property streetscapes				
6	Other, please specify _____				

83. For additional comments, please use the space below to address any concerns or thoughts you may have that were not addressed in the survey.

Thank you again for participating.

As an option, you may provide your contact information below.

Name (Optional)

Address

Phone

email